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Fair with moderate temperatures
and strong winds today.

Temperature Yesterday—Max., 49; Min., 24
Sunday, 5:20 A. M.; Sunset, 5:23 P. M.

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THREE CENTS NEW YORK CITY

VAST U. S. ARMADA FIGHTING IN MARSHALLS; LANDING UNCONFIRMED; WAKE ISLE BOMBED; RUSSIANS 5 MILES FROM ESTONIAN BORDER

No Allied Surprise If Nazis Quit Rome

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ALGIERS, Jan. 31—No confirmation is available here tonight of the London report that the Germans are evacuating Rome, but it can be said flatly that if such a report is true it would not be a great surprise.

Any consideration of the military problem of Rome must be based on the obvious fact that neither side wants to appear to fire the first shot that might be interpreted as bringing down warfare and destruction on the Eternal City. From the German's point of view it would be excellent propaganda if they could get across the idea that the Allies were shelling or otherwise attacking the Italian capital.

On the other hand the British and Americans are not likely to make Rome an objective in the usual military sense so long as there is a possibility of the Germans getting out on their own accord.

NAZIS PUSHED BACK

Red Army Battling
Fringe of Kingisepp,
Frontier Station

NARROW LANE BEHIND

Russians Cross Luga River
Southward Push—Western
Drive for Rail Line Gains

By W. H. LAWRENCE

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Feb. 1.—Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's forces smashed forward seven miles yesterday and are battling in the suburbs of Kingisepp, only eight miles from the border of Estonia.

[Kingisepp is outflanked by a thirteen-mile advance that reached Krikoovo, five miles from the Estonian border and ten miles northwest of Kingisepp, which was the pre-war customs station.]

The Red Army's drive westward, announced in last night's High

PRELUDE TO PRESENT OPERATIONS IN THE MARSHALLS SHIP CLASH HINTED

The World on Feb-1-1944



Japanese installations burning on Jaluit atoll after recent attack by Army bombers.

Associated Press (U. S. Army Air Forces)

U. S. LAND PLANES STRIKE

Join U. S. Warships' Assault
on Marshalls—Coronados
Deliver Blow at Wake

By GEORGE F. HORNE

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 31—A gigantic air armada and powerful supporting fleets are taking the Battle of the Pacific into the enemy's domain today as action is reported still raging in the Marshall Islands.

The Japanese radio indicated, without confirmation here, that Americans might have landed the atolls, and said that Japanese Army and Navy forces intercepted the American assault and were engaged in fierce fighting. [T

CONFEREES AGREE ON FINAL TAX BILL

AMERICANS SMASH BOE NEAR CISTERNA

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